

**LOUISIANA AGRICULTURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY (LAFA)**

**MINUTES**

**May 13, 2020**

3:30 PM

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) Commissioner Mike Strain at 3:34 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called by Melanie Tullier.

**Present:** Commissioner Mike Strain, Kent Brown, Devin Davis, Jeanine L. Herrington, H. Marcell Parker, Jr., Ronald Petree, Katie Sistrunk, Calvin Viator, and Bill Waguespack

Mrs. Tullier stated there was a quorum with nine members present.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

Commissioner Strain asked the board members to review the minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Viator to approve the minutes from the February 12, 2020 meeting. It was seconded by Mrs. Herrington, and passed unanimously.

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Mrs. Catrina Irvin presented LAFA's Financial Statements to the board and answered the members' questions.

A motion was made by Mr. Petree to accept the Financial Statements. It was seconded by Mr. Viator, and passed unanimously.

**COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

- The Louisiana Legislative Auditors completed their annual audit of LAFA in which LAFA received an unqualified opinion.

- Currently in legislative session. We are watching the bill to move the Grain and Cotton Indemnity Fund to LAFA, as well as a bill to allow a management plan for the state forest that will affect Indian Creek.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a) Ethics training and Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure Form**

Commissioner Strain reminded all members to complete their annual Ethics training and the Tier 2.1 Financial Disclosure Form by the deadline.

### **b) Sewerage and campground improvements at Indian Creek**

A motion was made by Mr. Viator to provide a revolving line of credit to Indian Creek for \$175,000 for sewerage and campground improvements. It was seconded by Mrs. Sistrunk, and passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **a) City of Opelousas**

A motion was made by Mr. Viator to allow LAFA to enter into a cost-share agreement with the City of Opelousas to share in the expenses of installing plexiglass partitions in areas leased by the tenants. It was seconded by Mr. Waguespack, and passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Herrington to allow Commissioner Strain and his staff to renegotiate and enter into a new lease agreement with the City of Opelousas. It was seconded by Mrs. Sistrunk, and passed unanimously.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Parker asked for an update on the federal payments to the producers.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Mr. Viator to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Mr. Waguespack, and passed unanimously at 4:01 PM.